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1. SOVIET PRESS FEBRUARY 5 ANNOUNCED SIGNATURE IN MOSCOW FEBRUARY 3 OF AGREEMENT FOR SOVIET DELIVERIES OF INDUSTRIAL EQUIPMENT TO HUNGARY AND ALSO FOR SOVIET ECONOMIC AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION IN CONSTRUCTION OF INDUSTRIAL ENTERPRISES AND OTHER PROJECTS IN HUNGARY DURING PERIOD 1976 - 1980.

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WM AGREEMENT WAS SIGNED BY CHAIRMAN OF SOVIET STATE COMMITTEE

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FOR FOREIGN ECONOMIC RELATIONS, S.A. SKACHKOV AND HUNGARIAN MINISTER FOR FOREIGN TRADE JOZSEF BIRO. BRIEF COMMUNIQUE MENTIONS PROPOSED PROJECTS FOR CONSTRUCTION AND MODERNIZATION OF INDUSTRIES FOR FERROUS AND NON-FERROUS METALLURGY, OIL REFINING, CHEMICALS, INDUSTRIAL CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

3. PRAVDA FEBRUARY 5 ANNOUNCES SIGNATURE IN MOSCOW FEBRUARY 4 OF SEPARATE SOVIET - HUNGARIAN PROTOCOL FOR OIL INDUSTRY COOPERATION. PROTOCOL WAS SIGNED BY SOVIET GOSPLAN CHIEF BAYBAKOV AND CHAIRMAN OF HUNGARIAN STATE PLANNING COMMITTEE ISTVAN HUSZAR.

4. COMMENT - INDUSTRIAL AID AGREEMENT WITH HUNGARY CLOSELY PARALLELS ONE SIGNED WITH POLAND IN DECEMBER (REFTEL) WHICH ALSO INVOLVED SKACHKOV'S COMMITTEE AND WHICH WAS CITED IN THE PRESS AS AN ELEMENT IN CEMA INTEGRATION. PROTOCOL ON OIL INDUSTRY COOPERATION IS IN LINE WITH SOVIET ATTEMPTS TO PUSH EE COUNTRIES TOWARD MAXIMUM POSSIBLE EXPLOITATION OF THEIR AVAILABLE RAW MATERIAL AND ENERGY RESOURCES, NO MATTER HOW MARGINAL THEY MAY BE.
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